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TASK FORCE FOR POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a high powered Task Force to study the power markets abroad;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof and countries likely to be visited by Task Force;

(c) the benefits likely to be derived there from; and

(d) the manner in which these benefits are likely to be extended to rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (d) : An initiative has been taken to examine various issues related to feasibility of wholesale power exchange at national level in India and to develop a Detailed Project Report for the same through a consortium of consultants viz. M/s. CRISIL and M/s. NordPool Consulting Norway.

In this regard, a Core-Team (with representatives from Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), POWERGRID, NTPC, and Power Trading Corporation (PTC) has been constituted to interact with the Consultants.

A team of representatives from MOP, CEA, POWERGRID, NTPC and PTC visited Norway, Netherlands, Canada, USA and Australia in the first fortnight of April, 2005 to study power markets in these countries.

The visit has helped in the study of distinctive features of the various markets visited and identification of key issues to be addressed in the development of an appropriate model for a power exchange in India, which will provide a transparent and neutral platform for promoting competition in supply of electricity at wholesale level and thus improving efficiency in power sector.